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2010 State Champs

Jackson Speech & Debate - best in the state

The Jackson Speech and Debate Team won its first-ever state title this year with 3 freshmen, 11 sophomores, 4 juniors, and 10 seniors. Director of Forensics, Leslie Mann, when asked what it took to bring home that victory, said. "I distinctly remember having a conversation with former JHS coaches Stefanie Fatzinger and Katherine Stone about this group of seniors when they were freshmen. We said, 'This group has the potential to achieve anything they believe.' It took four years of nurturing and, I believe, attitude that finally turned this journey into a mission. They have been through some good times and some tough times. Most importantly, they were supported by people who believed in them – their parents, coaches, teachers, and principals; all believed that they could bring it home, long before they did."

Mrs. Manns said that the team came to full belief in itself during the finals. "They were determined," she said. "I can say that every student who participated in this tournament will remember this weekend for the rest of their lives. I have never witnessed a group of high school students display such remarkable teamwork. They were charismatic, classy, professional, encouraging. They represented everything Jackson could have hoped for when we speak of excellence."

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Boys' Basketball nets Jackson's first-ever state athletic title

When the Boys' Basketball Team returned from Columbus with the state trophy in hand, about 1,200 Jackson residents poured into the high

school gym to celebrate. Stark County Commissioner and Jackson resident Steven Meeks kicked off the event announcing his pride in the school

system. "This district is ranked 22nd in the state's top 25, academically, and this basketball team set 10 team records, including the most season wins

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Cameras enhance safety/security at no cost to taxpayers

AAA Massillon president and CEO Jeff Bushman worked collaboratively with Jackson Local Schools assistant superintendent Chris DiLoreto and district network specialist Keith Obermeier on a project to install state-of-the-art, exterior building security cameras at Jackson High School.



"Our focus is safety and security, and we think this is a worthwhile safety project," Mr. Bushman said.

The project cost the taxpayers nothing, as Mr. Bushman and the AAA Massillon Board of Directors funded the entire project, including installation.

The cameras enable district officials to access real-time exterior activity from designated offsite Internet links. The system also allows the police and fire departments the same live-time access in an emergency as well as a back-up record for later review and evidence.

"I hope you never see anything more exciting than students going to and from school," Mr. Bushman told Mr. DiLoreto and superintendent Cheryl Haschak.



Annual Plant Sale at JHS

For the past 20 years, JHS horticulture students have grown annuals to sell to the public. **Beginning May 3**, the sale will be held **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** until the greenhouse is empty (2-3 weeks). Large, bushy cutting geraniums and a variety of annuals will be available at reasonable prices. Proceeds benefit the horticulture program.



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High School

JSA students learn from Ghana's top African Dance and Drum Ensemble

The award winning Saakumu Dance and Drum Troupe, led by master musician Bernard Woma, is one of the leading traditional/contemporary dance and music groups in Ghana, West Africa. Their repertoire includes spiritual, ceremonial, recreational and contemporary African dance forms. Their music and dance is joyful, expressive, and highly participatory.

Jackson High dance students took the stage with the performers who taught our students a traditional African dance. Saakumu means tradition.

The dancers were led in sound by the African xylophone, calabash water drums, and the praise singing (talking drums) of the Akan and Dagbamba people of Ghana.

The percussionists later shared their unique talent in a class with JHS and JMMS drummers.

In addition to the school-day teaching sessions, the Troupe gave an evening performance in the JCPA for the public.

Based in Medie, Accra, the Saakumu Dance Troupe has performed at important governmental functions, national and international music and dance festivals throughout Ghana and West Africa.



Jackson School for the Arts dancers take the stage with a top West African dance troupe, led here by dance teacher Yaa Bekyore.

Percussionists Griffin Brady, James Bowa, Edward Green, Jerome Balsab, and Putier Felix keep the beat.



Ghana dancer and JHS student Kelsey Bantum perform together.



The Jacks-N-Jills dress rehearsal was performed before a crowd of nearly 300 senior citizens.

Spring and Fall Flings invite help from senior citizens

Jackson senior citizens and their friends are an important part of the JHS arts learning experience. Each fall, they provide an audience for the dress rehearsal of the school musical and in the spring they become the audience for the Jacks-N-Jills Showcase dress rehearsal. The seniors see the performances at no charge while providing a non-critical audience for the students as they practice their final run. Following the performances, seniors are invited to have dinner in the student commons or the Bear's Den prepared by our student who study restaurant management and the Food Services Department. The small fee necessary for dinner is to cover the cost of the food. Seniors tell us that our student are superb performers and that the food is delicious. Watch **Polar Bear Pride** for announcements of upcoming performances, or e-mail pblanger@neo.rr.com to be sent an e-mail reminder of the events.



JHS students welcome Chinese martial arts performing group

JHS students studying World History and Mandarin Chinese were visited by a championship martial arts and folk music performance group known as the Students' Art Ensemble from Shaolin Wushu Base, China. The internationally accomplished group has traveled with Chinese President Hu Jintao and Prime Minister Wen Jiabao. They travel the world to fulfill cultural exchanges promoted by their country, including opening

ceremony performances at the Olympic games. Our students were treated to the performance through the generosity of the Chinese Ministry of Education and the University of Akron's Confucius Institute. The Confucius Institute is an international network, supported by the Chinese Ministry of Education, dedicated to "enhancing the understanding of the Chinese language and culture" around the world. JHS students also enjoyed

musical performances by professors from Henan University in China who traveled throughout the USA with the group. JMMS students studying the Chinese language also attended the performance at the high school.

Following the performance, JHS Principal Rick Campbell and the Chinese leaders exchanged gifts, and students were invited to interact with the performers.

JHS students write books and read them to Strausser students

JHS students in Patty Yale's advanced placement psychology class researched, wrote, and illustrated books about how the human brain works. When the colorful, factual, and professional-looking books were done, the high school students traveled to Strausser Elementary to read the books to second and fourth graders.

"This is a great example of unity in our community," said Strausser teacher Nancy Montgomery.

"I think that breaking it down for kids helped us learn it ourselves," said JHS student Taylor Knaus.

"It was really pleasing seeing the little kids' reactions," said JHS student Erin Huemme.

"The best way to learn something is to teach it," said JHS student John Pinson. "I love the little kids' enthusiasm. When we asked if there were any questions, every hand went up," he said.



Several JHS students pose with their books and a few 2nd graders who enjoyed them. The JHS students are: Steph Durwin, Leanne Golden, Kristen Lombardi, Kristen Siskovich, Sarah Wroblewski, Erin Huemme, Taylor Knaus, and John Buddenberg.

"My students took notes and were in rapt attention, and it's no wonder – the books were amazing," said Strausser teacher Bill Hayden.

"It's one of the best projects I have been assigned in high school," said Leanne Golden.

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High School

JHS is approved to teach International Baccalaureate Program

Three school districts, Jackson, North Canton, and Perry have collaborated to offer their students the International Baccalaureate (IB) Degree Programme.

The rigorous application process, site approval and teacher training takes two years. Approval was received in March.

The districts will now move forward with the final phase – teacher training.

IB is a rigorous, two-year curriculum, aimed at juniors and seniors. It is a symbol of academic excellence worldwide.

Student instruction will begin at Jackson High in the fall with a small class. The

program will eventually be open to 25 juniors and 25 seniors. Those students will have the potential to graduate high school with 36 hours of college credit.

International Baccalaureate schools began 40-years ago as a way to offer a consistent, top-quality curriculum to

See INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, next page



Teacher Scott Elkins and students Matt Niedert and Andy Krew configure a router, using a program called HyperTerminal.



School nurse Lori Fisher helps Kayla Rose use a defibrillator as a preview to the new Clinical Health Care Services program to be offered next year.



Justin Smith shows the location of the spark plugs on a lab vehicle to Mitch Trudeau, Brandon Tackett, Aaron Sutherland, and Vina Ta during Career Days.



Horticulture teacher Ryan McMichael helps Heather Tsai and Alyssa Twiddy plant pansies.

JHS links with area high schools to offer wide array of career options

The Jackson High School Career and Technical Educational Department hosted Career Night in February. Students in grades 8-10 and their parents, county-wide, attended the event to sample the variety of offerings available to students at Jackson and at other area high schools.

College Tech Prep programs integrate academic courses and occupational skills providing students with a seamless transition to post-secondary education in their chosen field, including two-year and four-year colleges, technical/trade schools, and apprenticeships as well as

direct entry into the workforce. Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies students in grades 11 and 12 to receive up to 12 college credits in their program area while still in high school. Students from all Stark County high schools are eligible to apply for admission to these programs on a tuition-free basis.

Programs offered at JHS are: Business Management College Tech Prep (CTP), CISCO Networking, Turf and Greenhouse Management CTP, Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management, Marketing Management CTP, Automotive Technologies CTP, Construction

Technologies CTP and Clinical Health Care Services CTP. Other area schools offer such programs as banking, accounting, legal studies, criminal studies, teaching, and more. See the College Tech Prep Web site for specific information www.starkcountytechprep.org.

A new program to be offered at JHS for school year 2010-11 is Clinical Health Care Services. The district has linked with area health care providers and Stark State College to develop the program which focuses on nursing, phlebotomy, and pharmacology.



Young students Jayden Baker, Ryan Kanovsky, and Emma Henson visit the Mexico station where JHS students Chene Benger, Kristin Anderson, John Pinson, Anna Busta, Lauren Klein, and Morgan Capestrain offered Mexican crafts, food, music and language.

Big students offer little students a taste of Spanish

One recent Saturday morning, the JHS Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (Spanish Honor Society) students gathered 60 elementary children in the high school commons and gave them hand-made passports, then took them on a tour of five countries: Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Argentina. At each country station the younger students had their passports stamped, learned interesting facts about the country, tried a tasty food, and completed a make-and-take craft.

They also learned to dance the Tiburón, speak Spanish phrases, and sing Spanish songs which they performed for parents at the end of the workshop.

"They are little sponges," said JHS student Carli Williams of the younger students' ability to learn.

Prior to this event, the Society spent six weeks visiting the elementary buildings after school to teaching 320 of our

elementary students to speak Spanish. "During our last class, the kids were really sad to see it end," said JHS student Carli Williams. "Because they love us [high school students]."

Carli is correct. Jackson administrators believe that young students truly admire older students and can readily learn from them. The district provides multiple opportunities to connect younger students with older students in academic situations.

At the conclusion of the Saturday program, parent Dayna Charlick thanked JHS foreign language teacher Parthena Draggett for providing "a wonderful program and a fantastic opportunity for her two young children, Zacary and Noah. "I hope the district continues and expands this," she said.



At rge Argentinian station students learn to dance the tango. From left are: Rohan Bhargava with Zach Smith, David Peters with Anthony Shelley, Joel McLaine with Molly Hoffer, Will Evans with Kelly Loveless, and Jenna Alexander with Gabrela Botura.

"I love teaching the little kids because they learn that foreign language is not all work and is really a lot of fun," said JHS student Arielle Haut.

"Nothing but fun," said Arielle's classmate, John Pinson.

"Muy divertido," added Lauren Klein as she helped a little one make a sombrero in the Saturday class.

"I wish I had been exposed to this kind of language experience at such a young age," said parent John Kistler of his two children, McCarthy and Isabella, who attended the Saturday program. "There are more job opportunities for bilingual people."

International Baccalaureate Program

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children who traveled the world with parents in the international diplomatic corps. Therefore, the curriculum is the same in 134 countries worldwide. The IB program combines what are considered to be the world's best teaching techniques with a strong

emphasis on writing, language, experimental science, mathematics computer science, communication, the arts, and world cultures. Students learn to ask critical questions that give them an awareness of their own thinking process, develop a strong sense of

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Middle School



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Middle school students dance with JSA high school students.



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Lexie Williams



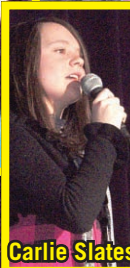
Savannah Brown and Sarah Shaheen



Jared McCully



Haley Warden



Carlie Slates



Reily Hull



Ben Marchand, Tyler Noebe, and Wyatt Zelle

JMMS talent show raises funds for PATT

Twenty-four acts entertained a packed house and raised several thousand dollars for the PATT. "The funds we raise always go right back to the students for classroom extras," said PATT president Sunita Paul.



Photos by JHS student Andie Kinsley

Libby Johnson, Nikita Valentasis, Mica Amanense, LaJuan Lightner, Jasmin Simon, and Lucy Rose perform in the show.

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JMMS students and Altercare residents become friends

The JMMS Student Activities Council (SAC) plans to get to know the senior citizens who reside at Altercare of Nobles Pond. Initial contact was made when SAC created 71 Christmas cards for the residents. Before the students set



Prior to their visit to Altercare, Alexandria Howell, Emily Steinman, Alex Vienna and their classmates arranged fresh flowers in bud vases to take to the residents.



Altercare activities director Theresa Gregg and resident Helen Pryse pose with students Amanda Ifantiedes, Cassidy Clay, and Liz Hyde.



Cassidy Clay shares a moment with Mary Alice Jackson.



Liz Hyde gives resident Barb Hughes a hug.

to work on the cards, the Nobles Pond activities director, Theresa Gregg, visited the students and talked with them about various residents' hobbies, hopes, and life at Altercare. Through Mrs. Gregg, the residents became real people who enjoyed such things as bird-watching, their grandchildren, cooking, and farming. JMMS principal Monica Myers then provided students with construction paper, markers, stickers, glitter and years of saved Christmas cards which could be cut and pasted to create new, personalized cards for the Noble's Pond residents.

was delighted. "How beautiful," she said to the students who wished her a happy Easter. Helen Pryse told the students, "I'll treasure this," upon receiving her bouquet. "Oh, how lovely," added Edith Marulli.

it would be," said student Amanda Ifantiedes.

"It seems like simple things make people happy," added student Emily Steinman. "It made me happy too."

This spring, SAC stayed after school to arrange fresh flowers in 71 bud vases, then delivered them to each Altercare resident.

Each of the residents responded gratefully to the students, and much laughter could be heard as the bonds between youth and maturity strengthened.

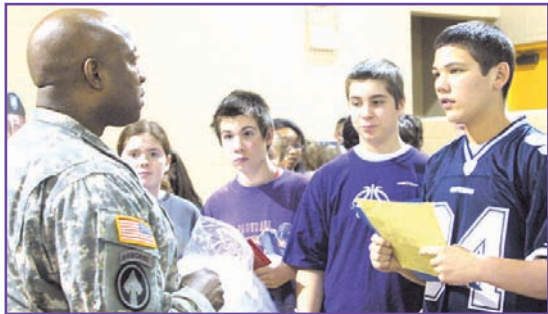
SAC students hope to expand the relationship the with residents by visiting and making crafts together, reading together, decorating for various holidays, and playing table games together.

Joyceann Schiltz, who is a new resident,

"It's a lot more lively here than I thought

JMMS hosts career fair to get students thinking of the future

Members of the business community spent a morning teaching our 475 eighth graders about their daily career duties, salaries, and educational preparation necessary for their career path. There were 43 booths with various careers represented. Guidance counselors developed a set of career questions for students to ask guests at the fair. This is yet another example of how the schools and business community work together for the benefit of students.



Sgt. Andrew Forrest, a member of the Army Reserves, speaks to students about his duties.



Aultman anesthesiologist Jim Giulitto explains his career to Taylor Rohrig, Matt Schario, Ann Therese Lambo, Jonah Hostetler, Michael Winkhart and Wyatt Zelle.



Dr. Nicole Wilson of Fedorko Chiropractic explains Applied Kinesiology to Josh Pappas.

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JMMS students win in county math tournament

Forty-five JMMS students in grades 5, 6, 7 participated in the GCCTM (Greater Canton Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Annual Math Tournament. The tournament, held at JMMS, challenged 480 students from across Stark County in five areas of competition: Geometry/Measurement, Computation, Mental Computation, Word Problems, and Team Problem Solving.

The competition consisted of three 20-minute rounds of testing.

Approximately 120 teachers, administrators and parents volunteered to proctor tests and score answers while students enjoyed a fun dance in the gymnasium as they waited for the awards ceremony.

To prepare for the event, JMMS students attended four practice sessions with their coaches: Amy McGeehen, Mike Fisher, Linda Gamble, and Seana Carter.



Jackson's GCCTM Math Tournament first-place winners were front from left: Kaila Mickle, Kajal Parbhoo, Sarah Brown. Middle row: Luke Kilchenman, Peter Dent, Nick Snyder. Back row: Jonathan Li, Ryan Tsai, Faheem Ali.

Participating districts included Alliance City, Canton City, Canton Local, Fairless Local, Green Local, Jackson Local, Lake Local, Minerva Local, Massillon City, North Canton City, and Perry Local.

A Heart-Felt Thank You from a Strausser Elementary Family

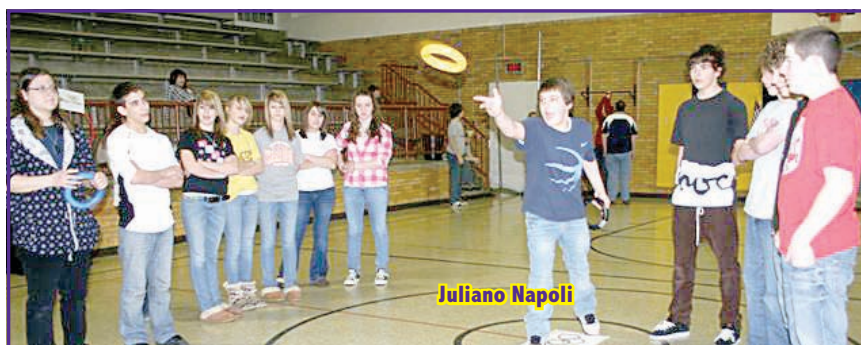
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The Gorin Family, Eric, Jennifer, Shae and Mae Ling

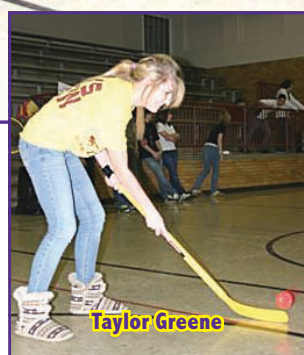
Successful Book Fair raises funds for Middle School

The Middle School parent/teacher group, PATT, hosted an Olympic Book Fair which raised funds through the sale of books. During the week-long event, there was a daily activity for students, including an Olympic flag design contest, an Olympic trivia game, a book character poster contest, and a ring toss game in which funds raised were donated to the Special Olympics charity fund. In addition, the class winning the "Most Books Purchased" contest during fair week (one of Mrs. Bantum's 8th grade Language Arts classes) was treated to Olympic-like games in the gymnasium. There was a hockey shoot-out, hula hoop contest, ring toss game, medal awards and a Popsicle party for the class during their Language Arts class period. PATT uses the funds from this annual event to purchase classroom extras and bring speakers that enhance student learning in various ways.



Juliano Napoli

Photos by Kathy Luginbuhl



Taylor Greene



Derek Flinner

May	14	No School (K-12)	
	31	Memorial Day - No School (K-12)	
June	4	Last Day of School	
August	23	Grade 6 New Student Orientation & Open House - 6:30-8:45 PM	
	24	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation A-M - 7PM	
	25	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation N-Z - 7PM	
	26	Open House - All Elementaries - 4:30 PM	
	30	1st day Students (K-9)	
	31	1st day Students (10-12)	
	September	3	Teacher In-service No School - (K-12)
6		Labor Day - No School (K-12)	
7		Open House JMMS (Gr 7 & 8) Last Name A-M 6:30-7:30 PM Last Name N-Z 7:30-8:30 PM	
15		Open House High School 6:30-8:30 PM	
October		11	Columbus Day - No School (K-12)
		19	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
	21	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM	
	21	Parent/Teacher Conferences (6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM	
	27	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM	
	27	Parent/Teacher Conferences (6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM	
	29	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 1/2 day	
	29	Waiver Day--No School (K-5 ONLY) 1/2 day	
	November	1	No School - (K-12)
24-29		Thanksgiving Break	
30		Classes Resume	
December	23	1st Day Christmas Break	
	January	4	Classes Resume
17		Martin Luther King Day - No School (K-12)	
February	3	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM	
	9	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM	
	18	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)	
	21	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)	
March	28	1st Day of Spring Break	
	April	4	Classes Resume
22		No School (K-12)	
May	13	No School (K-12)	
	30	Memorial Day - No School (K-12)	
June	8	Last Day for Students & Staff	

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Board Meeting Schedule

May 18	JHS	6:30 PM
June 15	JHS	6:00 PM
July 20	JHS	6:00 PM

Jackson Local, sadly, loses former board member and friend



Don Michael Benson passed away on Feb. 12. Don was a Stark County Prosecutor for eight years and later, a solo practicing attorney for 44 years. He proudly served his country in the Ohio National Guard for six years and served on the Jackson Local School Board for 12 years. A former president of the Jackson Exchange Club as well, as the Jackson sideliners, he especially enjoyed being Cabin Master at the Georgian Bay Fishing Club with his cabin mates. In lieu of flowers, friends contributed, in his name, to the Benson Family Scholarship, established years ago in memory of his parents for deserving seniors at Jackson High School. Jackson Local Schools will miss this champion of education. "Don served just as well when in office as he did out of office, always attending events and supporting the cause of educational excellence in our community. He loved the students and staff at Jackson and it was an honor to have him on our board," said Superintendent Cheryl Haschak.

Need money for college or trade school?

The Jackson Student Loan Association was established 52 years ago to provide low-interest student loans to JHS graduates who have been accepted by a post-secondary school (vocational, two-year or four-year). In the early years, students could only borrow \$500, but graduates may now request up to \$5,000. The loan accrues no interest until a student's education is complete or he/she withdraws. Upon graduation or withdrawal, the note will bear interest on the unpaid balance at the rate commensurate with the Guaranteed Student Loan established by the U. S. Government on the date the student made application. Students may download an application by going to <http://jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/>. Just enter the words "useful links" into the search engine on the page and you will be directed to a page that includes a link to the Student Loan Association.

The Association has always been run by a board of local citizens who understand the importance of higher education. It was started in 1955 by the PTA and Mrs. John Hyde, a former JHS teacher. It's first president was John Weisgarber, former member of the Jackson Board of Education. Other charter members include Andy Steve, Joseph Stephan, Dr. Howard Smith, Ralph Darragh, Helen Hessin, Ralph Goodman, Kenneth Loessler, and Mrs. Gearald Iceman, and legal advisor Willis Grant.

Donations from the PTA, graduating classes, and community friends grew the original fund which is currently self-sufficient. The current board members are: president Gail Small, vice president Mike Freeland, treasurer Cynthia Harty, secretary Lee Fortner, attorney Bruce Soares, Valerie Heban, Pam Kakos, Chris Adolph, Joe Bergan, Christy Harp, Kim McBride, Julie Prato and Paula Blangger.

Historical Society offers public programs

Most events take place at the One Room School House, 7756 Fulton.

Picnic Style Dinner May 16, 12 p.m. Reservations required at \$10 per person. Call 330-832-6905.

Topic: Song Hit Magazines presented by Wade Deemer. Program begins at 12:30 p.m.

One-Day Bus Trip to John Glenn's Museum and Mosser Glass, with a ride on the Byesville train. June 26, \$80 per person, includes lunch

and gratuity. Call 330-832-6905 for more information. Reservations required.

Ice Cream Social and Antique Appraising: Aug. 22, noon-3 p.m. Ice Cream Sundae's \$5 each. Antique appraiser from 1-3 p.m. Have your antiques appraised for \$3 per item with a limit of two items.

AlumNotes

Published

Nabia Ahmad, a 2009 grad, created artwork depicting the culture of Spain which was published in ¡Albricias!, a student national literary and art publication of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (Spanish Honor Society), sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. She also received a monetary award for her work.



Air Force Graduate

Kyle Bryan, a 2009 grad, enlisted in the United States Air Force last summer, attending basic training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated in January with a rank of Airman Basic and has gone on to tech school for training. Upon graduation, Kyle will be stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base as a crew chief of the C-130.



Class of 1970 Reunion

The Jackson Memorial High School Class of 1970 is looking for class members for their 40th year reunion to be held August 21, 2010 at the Lake Cable Club House Picnic Pavilion. For more information please contact Irene Williams Swallen at ieswallen@aol.com or 330-966-2330 or you may contact Diana Now Jones at ldjones@sssnet.com, or 330-832-8142. A Web site has been established for details of the class reunion. Please visit <http://pages.sssnet.com/ldjones/>.

Register for Safety Village

If your child is in kindergarten or 1st grade during this 2009-10 school year, he or she can attend Safety Village, June 14 through 19 at Sauder Elementary from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$20. Registration forms are available at the Jackson Safety Center and must be returned before May 20. The program, sponsored by Jackson Fire and Police Departments and Jackson Local Schools, teaches children various safety precautions such as using 911, staying away from household poisons, electrical hazards, fire safety, stranger danger and more. If you have questions call 330-834-3951.

Jackson Basketball Camp

June 14-17 for kindergarten thru 6th grade. Cost is K-2 \$60, 3rd \$70, and 4th-6th \$110.

June 21-24 for 7th-9th grade. Cost is \$100. If you have questions, call Scott Studer at 330-837-3501 ext. 1466

Visit www.jacksonbasketball.com for a registration form.

Social group for young widows/widowers

Heartache to Healing is a group that was started in 2010 to bring young widows and widowers together for positive social interaction on a regular basis. Please join us if you are an widow or widower age 50 or younger. Next meeting, May 8, Don Pancho's, 6 p.m., 4325 Massillon Rd. (SR 241) Green, OH.

Sign up for Soccer

The Northwest/ Jackson Soccer League (NJSL) will take registrations: Saturday, May 1 at Jackson Township Hall 10:00 to 12:00. Saturday, May 8 at Canal Fulton 10 - noon (St. John's Lutheran Church). Saturday, May 15 at Jackson Township Hall 10 - noon, and at Canal Fulton St. John's Lutheran Church 1:00 - 3:00. Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate you are new to NJSL. Visit www.njsl.com after April 1, or email info@njsl.com, or phone 330-854-3001.

Middle School Musical Theatre Camp

June 14-June 18 8 a.m.-Noon Campers will participate in a variety show with JHS theater director Stefanie Fatzinger, choreographer Megan Gattz, and art teacher Joe Piotrowski. On the final day of camp, parents may join their children to see the final production! Cost \$120. Applications available at each school.

Elementary Art Camp

June 7-June 11 9 a.m.-Noon Campers will create masterpieces and explore the world of art. Under the direction of Joe Piotrowski, each camper will experiment with a variety of art techniques and art media to help them become the Picassos they all can be. On the final day of camp, parents are welcome to join us in viewing an art gallery of pieces that the campers will have created. Cost \$120. Applications available at each school.

Elementary Musical Theatre Camp

June 7-June 11 8 a.m.-Noon Under the direction of music teacher Cindy Grove, campers will be taught acting and singing techniques and will produce a unique musical. Snack and camp shirt will be provided. On the final day of camp, parents can see their child in the final production. Cost \$120. Applications available at each school.

Register for Jackson Youth Football Camp

June 21 - 24 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Place: Jackson High School varsity practice field (in the back). Who: any boy or girl K - 7 (in the fall). Cost: \$50 preregistration (\$65 if you register at the camp). Each child will receive a t-shirt. Instruction will be provided by varsity coaching staff and players. Campers will be taught fundamentals and participate in competitions. Visit www.jacksonsideliners.com for registration forms.

Farmers Market coming to Jackson - Get Involved

The Jackson Township Park Department will host a weekly Farmers Market on Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m., July 15 through October 14. North Park is located on Fulton Drive NW across from Jackson High School. The committee is looking for interested area farmers and vendors who want to sell their locally grown vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants and flowers or locally produced products such as syrups, honey and baked goods. The market will provide a place for local growers to sell fresh and healthy foods while bringing neighbors together in the spirit of community. The committee is also seeking volunteers to help with the market each Thursday. If your group would like to assist, or if you are interested in participating in the Farmers Market as a vendor this summer, please call Mary Reno at 330-832-7416 or email mreno@jacksontwp.com.

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While delivering their \$3,381.22 check to Akron Children's Hospital, Jenna Mysza (3rd grade teacher), Hailey Dennis, Sarah Snyder, MiKayla Gardner, and Andrew Welling were interviewed by Krissy Taylor from WKDD.

Amherst students have generous hearts

Amherst 3rd graders decorated bags and dropped them off at each classroom so that students and staff could deposit donations for the Children's Hospital Have a Heart Campaign. Each morning, for one week, they collected the bags, sorted, counted, and rolled the money. As a math activity, students filled in a bar graph (pictured) to show the

Amherst staff and student body how much was collected. They also reported progress to the student body on daily announcements. This year's goal of \$3,000 was surpassed by \$381.22. The class collecting the most money, Mr. Williamson's 5th grade, won a pizza party, and the 2nd place class (Miss McNicholas' 1st grade) won a donut party.

Amherst has participated in this annual event for the past five years. Each year, even as the economy has become worse, the Amherst donations have risen. Here is their history from the past four years under the leadership of teacher Jen Milligan:
 2007-\$1,418.38, 2008-\$2,010.58, 2009-\$2,805.10, and 2010-\$3,381.22.

Third graders impersonate president or first lady for a day



Jarrett Vaughn and Shauntaea Jones as President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

The entire Amherst 3rd grade researched a president or first lady of their choosing, then created information boards to resemble the oval office covered with snippets of factual information about the life and times of the person they chose. When the boards were complete, the school gymnasium became a President/First Lady museum where the boards were displayed for fellow classmates and the public. Each student came to school dressed as their person acted as the president or first lady all day. When a student or visitor approached a display, students offered facts about their person and used mannerisms and even voices of the presidents and first ladies when appropriate.



Ben Wykoff and Courney Espenchied as President Benjamin Harrison and First Lady Caroline Laviria Scott Harrison.



Louis Varlamos as President Franklin Delano Rosevelt.



Adam Parramore as President John Adams.



Paul Lambo as President Jimmy Carter.



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Lake Cable students move to the beat with Radio Disney representatives during the dance party the school won for meeting the Radio Disney Move It! Challenge.

Lake Cable wins Radio Disney's Move It! School Challenge

One of 20 Ohio schools to win the Radio Disney Move It! School Challenge powered by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Lake Cable earned a Radio Disney Dance Party. Over 300 schools, including 47,000 students across Ohio, participated in this event.

From October 1 through November 15,

Lake Cable physical education teacher Courtney Adelman challenged students to be active for a minimum of 15 minutes per day, for at least 30 of those 46 days. Students began their school day with recess and others joined the 60-minute Exercise Club which was already in place

before the challenge. The Dance Party included music, games, dancing, and prizes with an emphasis on maintaining an active, healthy lifestyle. "Participating in this event provided yet another opportunity for us to encourage our students to be active in and outside of school," said principal Kathy Clark.

Crazy Days at Lake Cable

Mrs. Shumate's students organized three special days this school year: crazy hat day, pajama day, and crazy hair day. Each day, students were asked to bring in a donation of \$1 to participate. All proceeds went to Camp Quality, a family cancer charity that believes in bringing optimism and happiness to the lives of children and families affected by cancer. Lake Cable raised over \$1,000.



If you give a kid a pancake

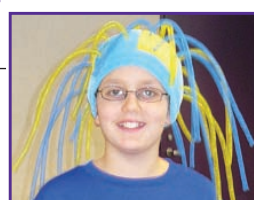
Each year, Lake Cable first graders read the story *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff. To celebrate the fun story, the first grade teachers serve pancakes to the students. Parent volunteers donated some items and offered their help at breakfast.



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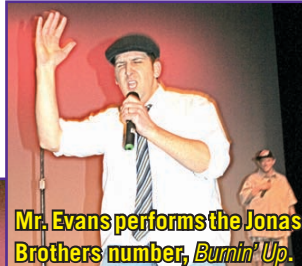
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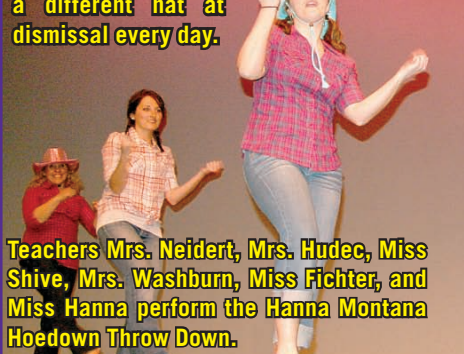
Mrs. James wears a different hat at dismissal every day.



Mr. Evans performs the Jonas Brothers number, *Burnin' Up*.



Mr. Blackstock's commercial.



Teachers Mrs. Neidert, Mrs. Hudec, Miss Shive, Mrs. Washburn, Miss Fichter, and Miss Hanna perform the Hanna Montana Hoedown Throw Down.



Jackson grad Charlton Violand, who once dotted the i at OSU, performs *Hang on Sloopy*.



Teachers Mrs. Beachy, Miss Fichter, Mrs. Ritchey perform *I will Follow Him* from the movie *Sister Act*.



One of the 14 acts—teachers misbehave in gym class.

Teacher Talent Show

At the request of the PTG, Sauder teachers practiced for months to bring the house down with their outstanding variety show.

"I came away with much more than I gave," said teacher Debbie Welshenbaugh. "Each day we ask our students to try new things and think outside of the box. Many of us had to force ourselves to step out of our comfort zones, but we stepped up to the plate and showed our students that we actually practice what we teach."



Teachers perform Michael Jackson's *Thriller* to thrill the students and their families.

Sauder Father-Daughter Dance makes sweet memories



Nearly 600 fathers and daughters attended this event.

The girls have fun dancing the Tooty-Ta.

Students learn responsibility, gain respect from custodians

A select group of Strausser students participate in a responsibility-based program, acting as custodial assistants. For 30 minutes, three times per week, the students collect paper from each classroom's recycling bin and pack it for delivery to the Jackson Recycling Station. Some days, they help custodians vacuum the carpets or remove scuff marks from the gym floor. Other days they may help make sure each of the school's computers is shut down to save energy costs. All of the activities are completed during student study halls at the end of the school day.

"These students are responsible and take pride in their school," said school counselor Tammy Richardson. "They are given a schedule at the beginning of each month and they have to show up for work. They are role models."

The students have a sense of pride in their work and treat it like a real job. They work hard, but it is not without its perks.

"We get to use the elevator," said student Sean Ream, and we get to sit and talk if we get done early."



From left are Kregg Jackson, Zach Werstler, Drew Pope, Vince McGreal, Bryce Schneider, Ryan Jacobsen, Nate Fonner, Sean Ream, and Clete Lanham. Not pictured is Jon Korce.

"I'm doing it for college credit," said Kregg Jackson.

"It helps the kids and it helps us, too," said head custodian Rosemary Morris.

Mrs. Richardson explained that it's a privilege to participate in the program

and that academics come first.

"If our academics slip, we get laid off till our grades come up," explained student Zack Werstler.

Over 70 students participate in the program in the areas of custodial, library, health clinic, and tutoring classmates.



Opening Ceremony

Strausser 2nd graders researched Olympic sports and the participating countries of Germany, France, Italy, Canada, and Japan. To add to the excitement, the Olympic researchers paraded throughout the school hallways, to the Olympic theme song, carrying their country's flag past their cheering classmates. They also held physical and academic competitions, using the Wii game system and SmartBoards.

If life hands you lemons, do as Strausser kids do

More than 100 second graders performed the upbeat musical, *Make Lemonade*, a rewrite of fairy tales that end happily when fairy tale characters learn to make the best of life's ups and downs. Directed by music teacher Suzanne Walters, the program closed with a special black light number. Students made their own pink and yellow tie dyed t-shirts for the performance at the suggestion of classmate Myles Kenney.



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The Luis - Now available to the public

JMMS guidance counselor, Luis LaCourt and a few fellow teachers are regular Friday morning customers at the Jackson Hole Restaurant on Wales near the middle school. On his first visit, Luis asked the chef to make him a special order sandwich with two eggs over hard, bacon, and American cheese on wheat toast. Chef and co-owner Allen Lostettler said, "No problem," and served it up in short time.

Since that day, Mr. Lacourt has ordered the same "delicious" sandwich every Friday. One recent Friday, Mr. Lacourt glanced at the menu and laughed out loud when he saw his name. The sandwich that he created is now on the breakfast menu for all to enjoy. It's called The Luis.

Co-owners Allen Lostettler and his father Bill (pictured with Luis at right) said they want the restaurant to be a part of the community, a place where families can feel at home and maybe even learn about things going on in the community. JHS art students have painted a bulletin board inside the restaurant, and Mr. Lostettler said the community is welcome to post its news and events on the board.



We're 100

To celebrate the 100th day of school, Sauder 1st graders in Whitney Beachy's classroom dressed up as if they were 100 years old. The entire day's studies included the number 100 as often as possible. Students drew pictures of themselves then wrote stories about being 100-years-old. Their math and reading also included fun references to the big number.

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Beyond The School Day

Ballet Dancer

Ashley Sherrod, a JHS freshman, danced the pas de deux in *The Poppy Fields* and also danced two scenes as a citizen in *The Emerald City of Oz* in the Canton Ballet production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Ashley is an honor roll student at JHS and in her 10th year with the School of Canton Ballet.



Ashley Sherrod



Tom Garncarz



Tom Garncarz, Sam Garncarz
with their master instructor
Jeon, Gyeong Ho

Eagle Scout

Tom Garncarz, a JHS freshman, was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge at a Court of Honor convened on behalf of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America at The Church of the Lakes in Jackson Township, Feb. 2. The Eagle Scout Badge is the highest youth award which may be earned by a member of the Boy Scouting program. Tom is a member of Scout Troop 921.

Black Belt Brothers

Tom Garncarz, a JHS freshman and his younger brother **Sam Garncarz**, a Sauder 3rd grader, earned the rank of First Dan (First Degree Black Belt) in the Korean martial art of Tae Kwon Do from the Chun Ma Tae Kwon Do Schools.

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Pictured from left are: Sebastian Gil, Taylor Clendenin, Michelle McCann, Jesse Tudini, Steven Meeks, Spanish Club advisor Carol Harmon, postal clerk Nancy Hoffner, and Jeani Brechbill.

Packages still going to local soldiers

The JHS Spanish Club carted 11 boxes, weighing nearly 200 pounds to the Select & Send on Wales for delivery to 11 local soldiers on active duty overseas.

"We're far away from the soldiers who are protecting us, but in a way, we are helping them too," said club member Michelle McCann.

The club has been sending such packages to local soldiers since the beginning of the war in Afghanistan/Iraq.

"Jackson Local cares," said Jesse Tudini.

The packages went to Jackson soldiers: Jennifer Groves (06 grad), Dean Christ (90), Brock Janney (05), and Matthew (Carlos) Castellanos (06). GlenOak soldiers: Michael Goe, and Johnathan Adamski (87). Perry soldier Chad Suarez, and Marlinton soldier Laura Kline. Packages also went to soldiers Devin Kinder from Missouri, and Robert Burton and Robert Kohlmeir from Florida. All are relatives or loved ones of Jackson students, staff, or community.



It's our first Olympic experience

Sauder 2nd graders spent three weeks learning about the Olympics.

Students chose participating countries to study, then chose one of five winter sports to study and compete in (figure skating, bobsledding, snowboarding, hockey or curling).

Their Olympic competition took place over two days. Each sport was re-created in the gymnasium with the help of physical education teacher, Jim Kish.

At the conclusion of the unit of study, Joe Russell of Russell's Sound Lab came to school to lead the medals ceremony and closing ceremony with music. Each student team was announced and invited to the bleachers to receive paper medals and listen to the national anthem of their country.

"Our goal for this unit was to get 2nd graders excited about the Olympics. This is the first winter games that they will remember since they were only three or four years old during the last winter games. Also, this was a great way for our students to learn about geography, learn about winter sports, and foster their patriotism," said teacher Sharon Ritchey.



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BASKETBALL Cont. from p 1.

(25 wins, 2 losses). On behalf of the County Commissioners, Mr. Meeks presented each player and the school system with a certificate of recognition.



as he watched his son's team take the title. "Seeing your child's dream come true is the best feeling in the world," she said.



Photo by Marilyn Kanam



Fuline

Township Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez asked for a round of applause for the parents of the players "for the way these boys were raised," he said.



Gonzalez

He then proclaimed April 5th Jackson Township Boys' Basketball Day and distributed framed certificates of honor to each player on behalf of his department and the township trustees. Trustee Bill Burger and Bill Raines, a representative of Congressman Bocchieri's office helped distribute the plaques.

Assistant commissioner of the Federal League, John Mang told the underclassmen in the audience that they had big shoes to fill.

Parent John Henniger created an acrostic poem from the word BEARS. "B - they believed, E - they had expectations, A - they had attitude, R - they were rewarded with relationships and a memory that will last a lifetime. S - they had the spirit of a community behind them. History was made, and we will never forget the enjoyment this team has given to us." he concluded.

Next, Coach Mike Fuline was invited to a computer before a large screen on which Jerry Lucas's face appeared. Mr. Lucas, named one of 50 greatest players in the NBA is also an avid Polar Bear fan. He Skyped in from California to offer his congratulations to the coach. "You had a plan and performed that plan to perfection," he told Coach Fuline. And to the team, he assured, "You will remember this for the rest of your lives."



Todd Porter, a Repository sports writer who traveled with the team to Columbus and kept the Jackson fans abreast of the progress in an near play-by-play fashion said, "To see four to five years of hard work culminate in a state championship is truly remarkable.

It was all about family," he said of Coach Fuline's style, adding, "I spent a week with a family of high school athletes and left with a better appreciation for our future," referring to the respect and unity of this team.



DuPont

Parent Sue DuPont brought tears to many eyes as she spoke of her husband's life-threatening illness and the thrill he received

Charlie Jones of BigTime Sports said, "These boys did something that only one-half percent of high school athletes ever do." He added that a team is only ever what its coach is, and he called this team and coach "unselfish."



Photo by Sue McGrew

Season ticket-holder Dave Gardner asked parents of the players to stand, then asked players to stand and face their parents. He asked the players to thank their biggest fans for all they had done to get them this far. Mr. Gardner had been to 32 state tournaments, "and never have I walked out of that arena a winner until this time," he said. Then he challenged the team to use this success as a starting point for the



Gardner

rest of their lives. "We want you to work even harder in college and at your jobs so that whenever you come back to Jackson we can point to you and say two things. One, he was a state champion, and two, that young fellow is an even better human being."



Mang

Basketball official Ski Lawler told the crowd, "Your boys are the most polite and respectful kids I have ever seen, and I thought the best team won.

Longtime fan Chuck Danner gave a history lesson. "In 1939, the Bears were 0-16. In 1957 they were 19-0. Then, under Larry Taylor from 1984-2005, the Bears had 307 wins, and now a state championship. Success is built on the backs of others," he said.

Coach Fuline's father Dan, still wearing his lucky tie, spoke proudly of his son. "To see my son take

a team to the final four was a wonderful thing," he said, quickly attributing the success of both his sons to "their wonderful mother."

Todd, Nicolas, president of the Jackson Youth Basketball Association (JYBA) added, "You can't expect to build our youth program on anything better than the kind of excitement a state championship brings. There's something special about that man (Fuline) and that team. They are a family."

School Board member Tom Winkhart thanked all involved "for making our team successful." Mr. Winkhart also added the board's congratulations to the Jackson Speech & Debate team for also bringing home a state title. "Jackson can compete on the court and in the classroom with the best of the best," he said to roaring applause.



Nicolas



Winkhart

Concluding the speeches was Coach Fuline who invited all the youth players in the stands to sit on the floor in front of his team. Then he turned to his players and said, "We've got the world right now, but it's really all about what kind of role models you are going to be for these young guys. Hopefully, you are just scratching the surface of your accomplishments." Then he turned to the crowd and thanked everyone for the support that carried a team to the top. Some of that support came from an unlikely place - The McKinley Girls' Basketball team. Coach Pam Davis and her Lady Pups had won the OHSAA Girls Basketball State Championship the week before by beating Toledo Waite, 49-47. Coach Davis, five players, two other coaches, and two McKinley parents piled into a van offered by John Knox Church and headed back to Columbus to help cheer the Bears to victory. "I really like Coach Fuline, and I thought it was unique that we might have two Stark County championships," she said. Coach Davis and her entourage were invited to seats very near the floor by longtime fan Jim Camp who applauded the camaraderie.



Danner & Peterson

SPEECH & DEBATE Cont. from p 1.

A successful Speech and Debate team works year-round. Some students attend summer debate camps held in Stark Country and at some of the nations finest universities. The first tournament is held in October, and they continue competing almost every Saturday throughout the winter, finishing at the State Finals in March. Then in May, they begin preparations for the National Tournament held in June.

Regardless of state victory, Speech & Debate has an effect on a student. As a former competitor, Mrs. Manns said, "I can tell you first hand that there is nothing like it, even though to the outsider, it may seem a bit strange, (ie. the late hours, the grueling tournaments, dressing in suits)." What she loves most about Speech and Debate is watching her students grow and reach their potential. "Many times they exceed it. Regardless of individual talents, every student who commits to the program accomplishes something they never knew was possible. To see young people speak with eloquence, support each other in unconditional friendship, carry themselves with pride and professionalism; that's what it's all about," she said.

Mrs. Manns believes it takes a village to make a winning team. She said, "We are so fortunate to have an administration that fully supports this activity because I think they see first-hand what it can do to prepare students for life after Jackson. As we witness neighboring schools losing their programs due to the crisis in public school funding, it breaks my heart. I would like the community to applaud the students, but also applaud the entire district in which their children are being raised."

The team members are:

- Tala Nashawati- (grade 9) Prose Poetry/finished 3rd in the state
- Jacob Donnelly- (9) Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Brandon Mader- (9) Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Jesal Solanki- (grade 10) Impromptu Speaking/Quarterfinalist
- Jayasai Rajagopal- (10) Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Taylor Humphrey- (10) Oratorical Interpretation/SemiFinalist
- Karissa Schroeter- (10) Prose Poetry
- Nat Steiner - (10) Public Forum Debate
- Bobby Vo- (10) Public Forum Debate
- Sam Johnson- (10) Public Forum Debate
- Karl Xia- (10) Public Forum Debate
- Alex Lowers- (10) Student Congress
- Cheyenne Fenstermaker- (10) Student Congress/ SemiFinalist
- Alex Wasdahl- (10) Domestic Extemp/QuarterFinalist
- Cody Oldham- (grade 11) Impromptu Speaking/ 3rd in the state
- Stephanie Haft- (11) Original Oratory/Quarterfinalist
- Chelsea Hagan- (11) Dramatic Interp/QuarterFinalist
- Sara Kassir- (11) Dramatic Interp
- Maria Komer- (grade 12) Duo Interp/State Runner Up
- Brett Martz- (12) Duo Interp/State Runner Up
- Rohan Bhargava- (12) International Extemp/State Champion
- Aaron Strickland- (12) International Extemp/State Runner Up
- Chris Denning- (12) Lincoln Douglas Debate/QuarterFinalist
- Ellen Martin- (12) Lincoln Douglas Debate/State Runner Up
- Sarah Shew- (12) Prose Poetry
- Dina Farah- (12) Public Forum Debate
- Abby Whisler- (12) Public Forum Debate
- Suraj Sakaram- (12) Student Congress



The coaches are: Leslie Mann-Head Coach, Karlyn Cunningham- Asst. Speech, CarleyAnne Barnes- Asst. Speech, Kara Prentice- Head Debate, and Bill Cunningham- Asst. Debate/ Congress.

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